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GLENN COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 15 ½ YEARS
FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JUSTIN KESSLER, 32, of Willows, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to 188 months (15 years, 6 months) in federal prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. The defendant entered a guilty plea on March 2, 2007 to receiving visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct between May 1, 2004 and January 20, 2006.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafefchildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator. investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who prosecuted the case, in sentencing the defendant Judge Garcia said that the defendant posed a danger to children and should thus be sentenced at the top of the advisory guideline range.

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